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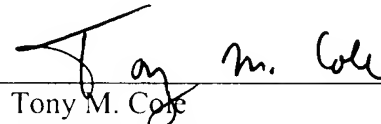
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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action in the above-referenced application. As such, no certification or fee is required. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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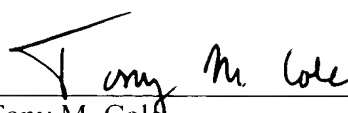


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